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SUBJECT : MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: SHAIKH ZAYED ADDRESSES SUMMIT
PLENARY

REF: STATE 206706, COLOMBO 3056

1. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED FULL TEXT OF SPEECH GIVEN ON
BEHALF OF UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYED AUGUST 17 BY MIN
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAIF GHOBASH BEFORE PLENARY OF
NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. SPEECH STRIKES US AS BEING BLAND AND
NON-CONTROVERSIAL, AT LEAST IN NON-ALIGNED SETTING. IT
FITS PATTERN OF UAE'S GENERALLY MODERATE STANCE, AND
CAREFULLY AVOIDS POINTS OF CONTENTION WHICH COULD DRAW
FIRE FROM MORE COMMITTED DELEGATIONS.

2. ON POLITICAL FRONT SPEECH WELCOMED RELAXATION OF
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WORLD TENSIONS, BUT NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS

HELSINKI CONFERENCE AFFECTING EUROPE HAD TO BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ENTIRE WORLD, THAT CONCEPT OF PEACE WAS INDIVISIBLE. EVEN EUROPE COULD NOT HAVE PEACE SO LONG AS REMNANTS OF COLONIALISM EXISTED AND THERE WAS RACIAL OPPRESSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AS GESTURE TO HOSTS, CONCEPT OF INDIAN OCEAN AS ZONE OF PEACE ENDORSED (BUT CONSISTENT WITH FACT THAT THIS ISSUE HAS NEVER BEEN RAISED WITH US BILATERALLY, THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF DIEGO GARCIA). GHOBASH SPEAKING FOR SHAIKH ZAYED, MENTIONED EFFORTS TOWARDS GREATER COOPERATION AMONG GULF STATES INCLUDING KEEPING AREA FREE FROM FOREIGN DOMINATION AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT. PREDICTABLY SPEECH DEALT AT SOME LENGTH WITH "ZIONIST AGGRESSION" AND CALLED FOR "DRASTIC MEASURES. BY IMPOSING SEVERE PENALTIES" IN ORDER TO ENFORCE UN RESOLUTION WHICH ISRAEL WILL OTHERWISE CONTINUE TO IGNORE.

3. RE ECONOMIC FRONT, SPEECH REFERRED TO GROWING GAP BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND THIRD WORLD. GHOBASH CITED SERIES OF UN AND NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH NEW WORLD ORDER BASED ON "ENDING EXPLOITATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". HE CLAIMED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES STILL TAKING NEGATIVE ATTITUDE, THAT THEY MUST END EVASIVENESS AND BEGIN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. LAST SPECIFIC POINT WAS ENDORSEMENT OF EFFORTS OF LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE TO REACH AGREEMENT "EMBODYING ALL OUR ASPIRATIONS." SPEECH CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT DESPITE REMAINING PROBLEMS, ATTITUDE OF NON-ALIGNED SHOULD BE ONE OF OPTIMISM--THAT CONTINUING EFFORTS WILL PRODUCE "NEW WORLD, DOMINATED BY SPIRIT OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND PEACE."

4. COMMENT: CLEARLY SHAIKH ZAYED'S PURPOSE IN GOING TO COLOMBO WAS ONE MORE STEP IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THIS NEW STATE'S PLACE ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE. PRESS HERE HAS BEEN FULL OF PICTURES OF UAE PRESIDENT MEETING WITH OTHER WORLD LEADERS AND DELEGATION HEADS AND REPORTS (SINGULARLY LACKING IN DETAIL) OF HIS "CONSULTATIONS ON WORLD ISSUES" WITH THESE FIGURES. LACKING MANY AXES OF ITS OWN TO GRIND (ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTABLE EXCEPTION), UAE DELEGATION CLEARLY MORE INTERESTED IN BEING SEEN THAN HEARD. ZAYED'S SPEECH QUITE CONSISTENT WITH THAT APPROACH. STERNER

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